

Amendments to the claims

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions or listings of the claims:

1. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of said polypeptide consists of a sequence that has at least 95% sequence identity with residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8, and wherein the polypeptide inhibits the apoptotic activity of p53.

2. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes amino acid residues 128-224 of the sequence represented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

3. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 2, wherein said molecule is isolated from a human.

4.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is a cDNA or genomic DNA.

9.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

12. (Previously presented) The vector according to Claim 11, wherein said vector is an expression vector.

13. (Previously presented) A cell transformed or transfected with the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

14. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

15. – 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has at least 97% sequence identity with amino acid residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

58. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has at least 99% sequence identity with amino acid residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide consists of residues 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8.